

News Release

UMC Names Thomas Baldwin, Ed.D., Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

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CROOKSTON, MN (August 31, 2006) – Recruitment and retention efforts continue to gain strength at the University of Minnesota, Crookston with the hiring of northwestern Minnesota native Thomas Baldwin, Ed.D., as the senior vice chancellor for academic and student affairs. In this newly created position, Baldwin will serve a vital role at UMC and be responsible for overall leadership for campus life, both educational and social programs, striving toward excellence in teaching, learning and research across the disciplines. He will begin his duties by early October 2006.

Baldwin, who received his doctorate in industrial education from Texas A & M University in College Station, Tex., is a tenured full professor of vocational-technical education at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kan. He is the former dean of the College of Technology and director of the Kansas Technology Center at Pittsburg State, where he served from May 1996 to July 2006. He has developed recruitment and promotion plans for students and faculty; has experience in economic development and fundraising; and has supervised the building of a \$30 million technology center. Baldwin brings a strong background in working with universities in other countries and serving the needs of international students.

UMC Chancellor Charles H. Casey designed the senior vice chancellor position so that one person would oversee and be responsible for the student experience from recruitment to graduation. "Dr. Baldwin has a broad range of experiences working with students and faculty from many academic areas and integrating academic programs and extracurricular interests for students in order to keep them engaged throughout their university career. We welcome him to the University of Minnesota, Crookston and the community and look forward to his leadership in working to enhance the student experience on campus."

As senior vice chancellor, Baldwin will guide academic planning, program development, faculty development and accreditation and assessment; support faculty in pursuit of research activities; sustain a comprehensive portfolio of student services that enhance student achievement resulting in graduation; and foster a positive campus climate and a diverse faculty, staff and administration within academic and student affairs.

Thomas Baldwin holds a master's in industrial education from Kansas State College of Pittsburg, Kan. and a bachelor's with a double major in industrial arts and speech from Moorhead State College, Moorhead, Minn. He also attended the Northwest School of Agriculture, the forerunner to UMC. His experience, along with his connection to this region and our campus history, makes Baldwin an exceptional addition to the UMC team.

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